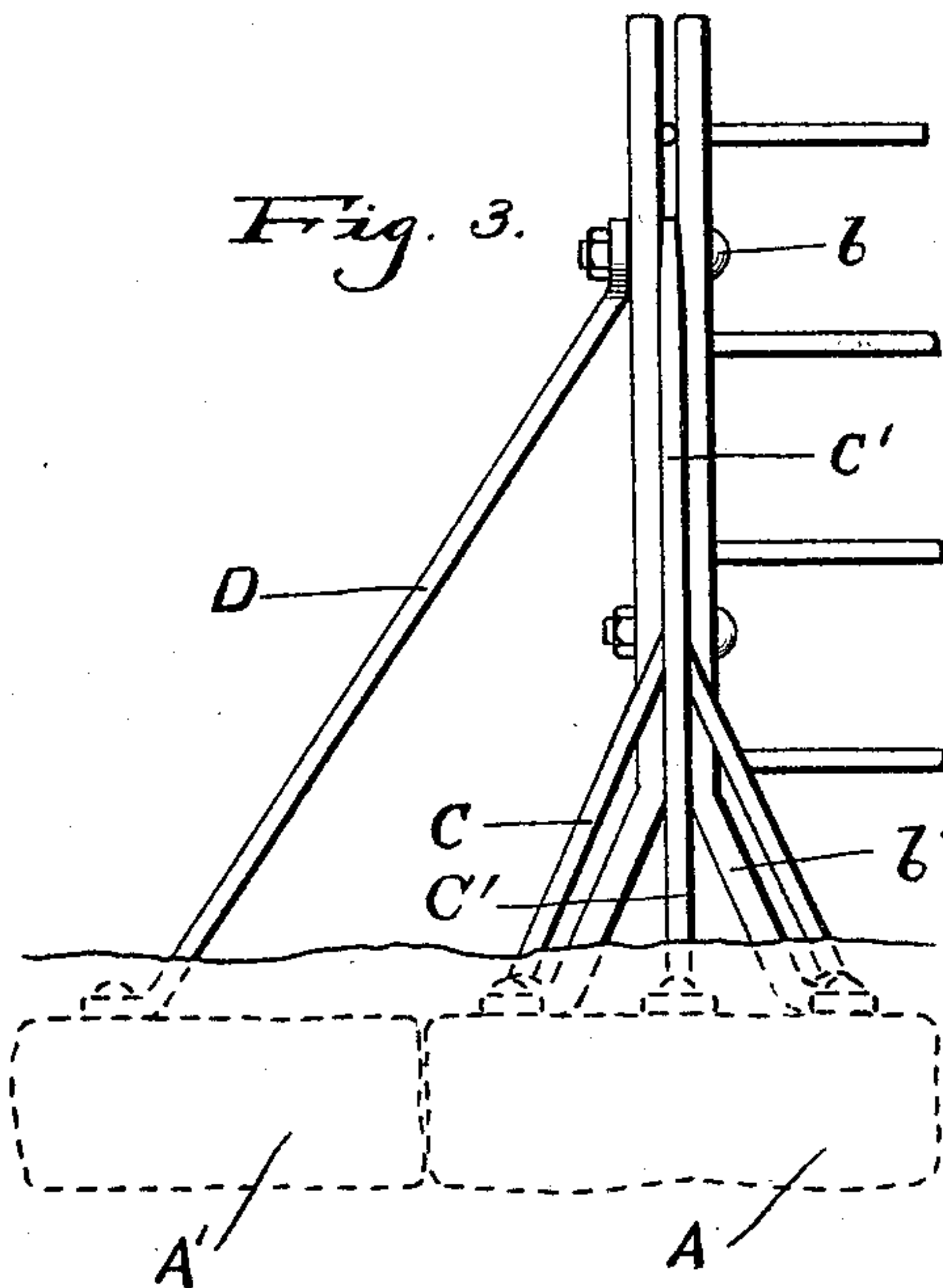
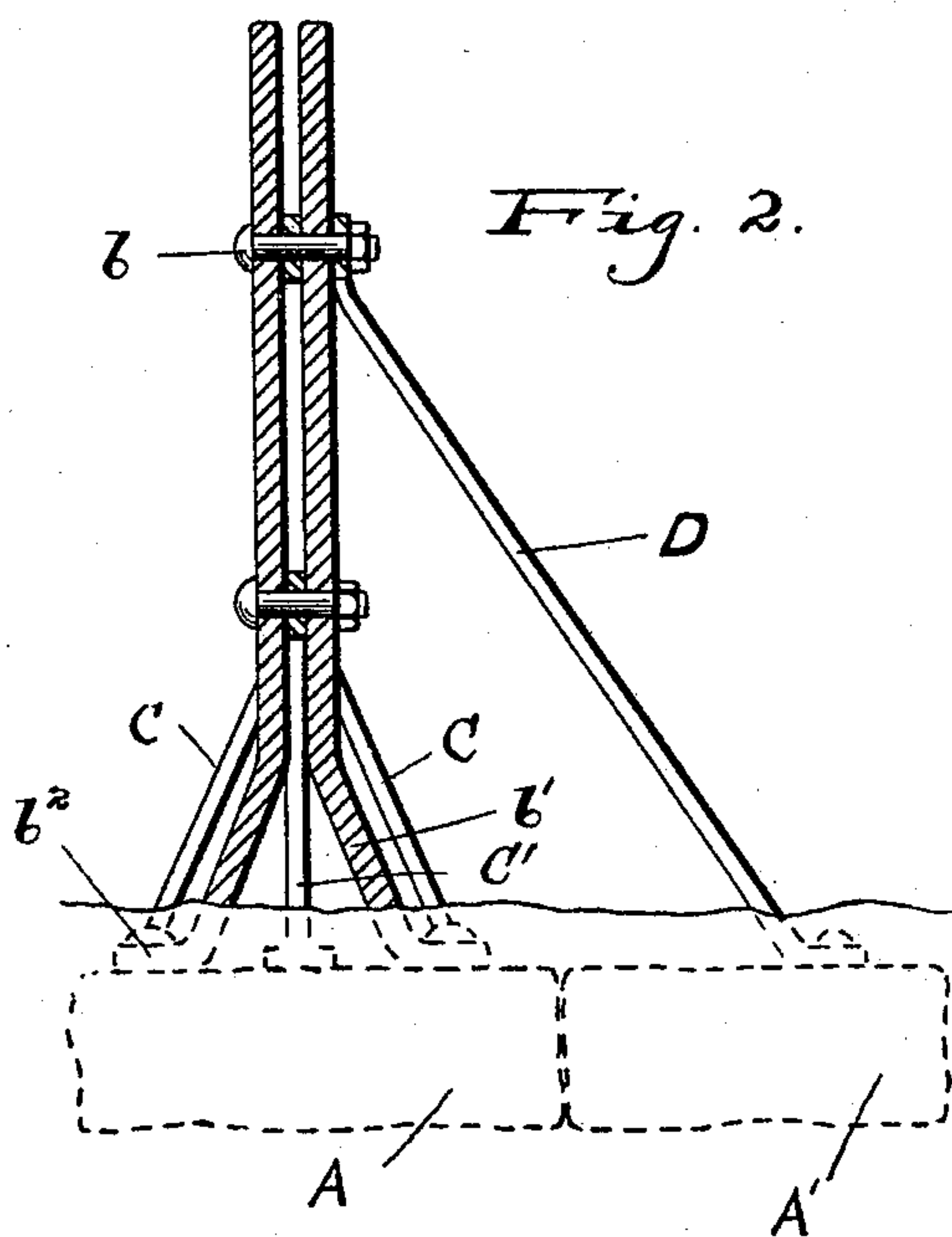
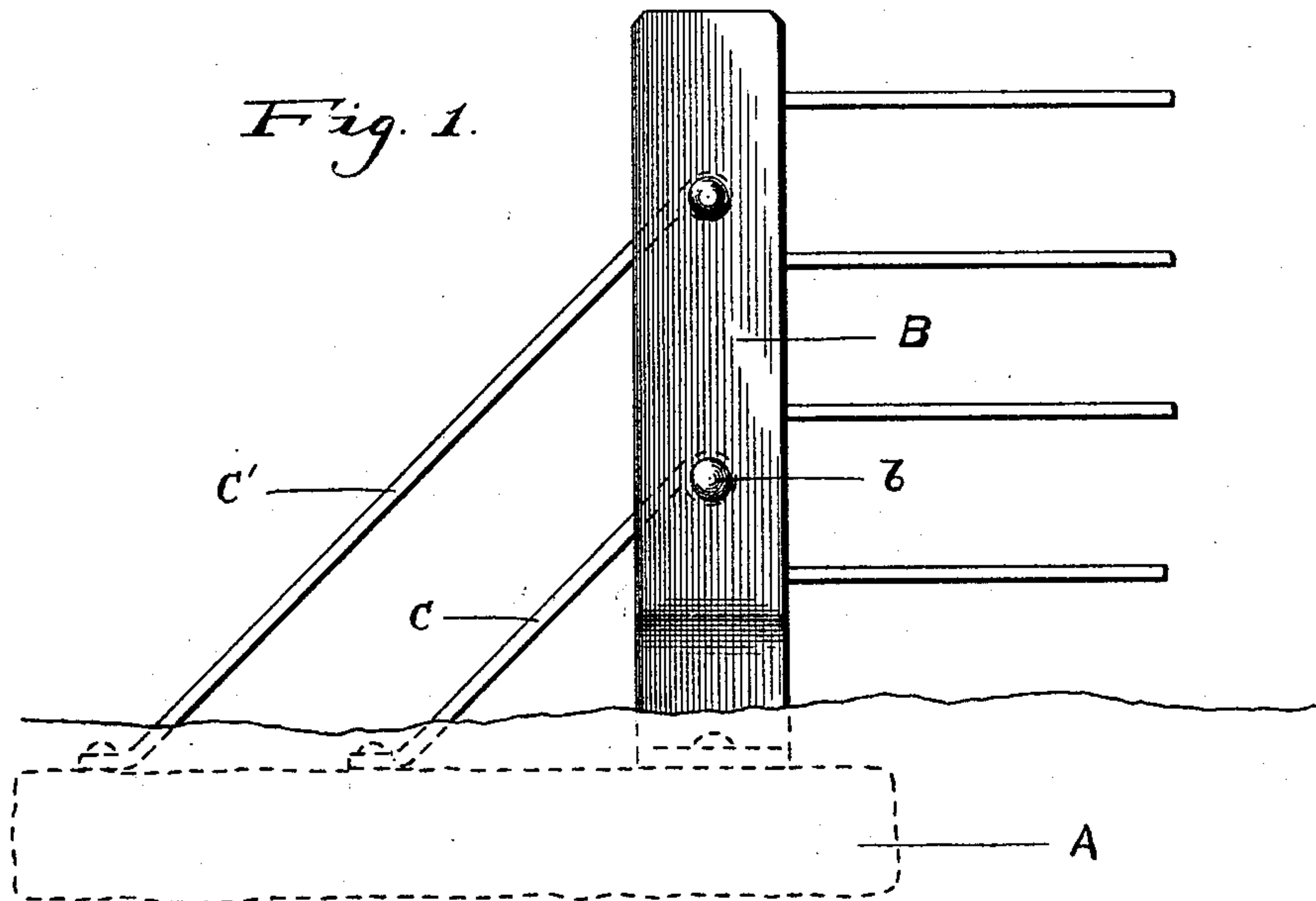


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## FENCE-POST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IRA HUNGERFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Moscow, in the county of Rush and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in fence-posts; and it consists of certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, all of which will be herein after more particularly set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a post embodying my invention and adapted for application upon the straight side of a fence. Fig. 2 represents a central vertical transverse section through the same, and Fig. 3 represents an end elevation of my improved post adapted for use at the corner of the fence.

A in the drawings represents the base-plate; B, my improved post; C C', the longitudinal braces, and D the lateral brace. The said base-plate A may be of any desirable material, but is preferably made of stone, and is adapted to be buried beneath the surface. The post proper, B, comprises two plates secured together by rivets *b*, with the upper ends of the braces C C' secured between them and about said rivets. The lower ends of the plates of the posts are flared, as at *b'*, in opposite directions and are each provided with a horizontal attaching-flange *b<sup>2</sup>*, suitably secured to the base A. The bracing-rod C' comprises a single rod mounted upon the upper rivet *b* and connected to the base A by any suitable means. The brace C comprises two rods connected to the lower rivet *b* and having their ends spread and attached to said base A by any suitable means.

The construction of post so far described is that used on the straight sides of the fence. In applying the post in position the base-plate, braces, and the lower ends of the post proper are buried beneath the surface, so as to bring the level of the surface up to the

juncture of the vertical and flaring portions of the plates forming said post. The wires or other material of which the fence is constructed are suitably secured to the post B, either between the plates of the same or upon the sides of said plates.

In the construction of corner-posts shown in Fig. 3 the base A is provided with an auxiliary extension A', and this extension is connected to said post B by a brace-rod D, suitably secured to said base A and to the upper rivet of the fence-post. When this latter form of my invention is applied in position, it is so buried that the strain of the wires of the fence will be directly away from the brace-rods C C' and D, so that said rods will be held under tension and not compressed.

It will be observed from the foregoing description that the post when buried leaves exposed to view only the vertical portions of the plates forming the same and the upper ends of the brace-rods, and thus presents a very neat appearance and at the same time provides a post of great strength and resistance.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a fence-post, the combination with a suitable base, of a post proper mounted upon the same and consisting of two spaced plates secured together and having their lower ends flared and formed into horizontal attaching-flanges suitably secured to said base, a brace-rod connected to said base and having its upper end secured between said plates, and a pair of lateral brace-rods having their ends secured between said plates and spread laterally so that their free ends may be attached to said base, substantially as described.

2. In a fence-post, the combination with a suitable base, of a post proper mounted upon the same and comprising two spaced plates secured together and having their lower ends flared and formed into horizontal attaching-flanges suitably secured to said base, a longitudinal brace-rod connected to said base and having its upper end secured between the upper ends of said plate, a pair of lateral brace-rods having their ends secured between



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to the base and extending at right angles to  
the first-mentioned brace, substantially as  
described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this  
specification in the presence of two subscrib- 10  
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